

Stand Down Narrative and After Action Report

Lafayette has approximately 1,000 homeless or at risk of being homeless veterans and families, with over 250 visits to the homeless shelter in the last two years. We estimated approximately 150 attendees at the Stand Down this year. Over 130 veterans signed in and many brought spouses and children. We can assume by this that over 150 veterans and family members were served.

In our original budget narrative, we planned to provide at least **\$40.00** worth of supplies for each homeless veteran to help meet their basic needs. Specifically, we proposed to allocate funds as follows:

- Our original budget stated that we would provide hot lunch at a cost of \$10.00 per person to equal **\$1,500**. We provided breakfast, snacks throughout the day, and a buffet assortment of hot lunches from at least 3 different organizations. All of the food was donated or given to us at a reduced rate. We did not use any of the DOL-VETS grant funds to purchase snacks and drinks.
- We originally thought we would spend \$400.00 on winter wear. We spent \$1012.44 from the DOL-VETS grant funds on hats, hats, gloves, and socks in assorted sizes (\$825.33 from JWM Wholesale; \$147.35 from Goodwill; and \$39.76 at CVS for diabetic socks).
- Zippered duffel bags were purchased with the specifications outlined for admittance into local homeless shelter. We found an outlet store that sold duffel bags for much less than we anticipated. We purchased over 100 duffel bags and used \$2060.65 from the DOL-VETS grant on duffel bags (\$999.21 from JWM Wholesale and \$1061.44 from Wal Mart). Our original estimate was \$1000.00 for 50 duffel bags.
- Not all homeless veterans can or choose to sleep in the local shelters. At times, veterans can be barred from entry into the shelter for past behavior or by not following directions. Further, in order to gain entrance into the shelter, perspective guests must go to the police station to get a pass to enter the shelter. Veterans who have legal issues may be more likely to sleep outside. We intended on purchasing 10 one person tents and sleeping bags. However the cost of tents was more than anticipated. We purchased two person tents (we could not find 1 person tents) and sleeping bags at a price of \$303.54 with DOL-VETS grant funds. Our original grant estimated that we would spend \$400 to purchase tents.
- We intended to purchase 40 gift cards at \$20.00 to equal \$800.00 so veterans could purchase food. We did not purchase gift cards because Food Finders was in attendance and gave groceries to take and we could not get gift cards that limited the purchase of